GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3306
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ANTI-DOWRY LAWS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified deficiency in the existing Anti- Dowry Laws;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes any additional legislative provisions in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is aware that the number of dowry death are increasing in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a),(b)&(c) the National Commission for Women has recommended to the Government certain amendments in the anti-dowry laws. These include amendment of the definition of dowry in the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 and increasing the penalty under Section 304B of the Indian Penal Code, relating to dowry death. The amendments recommended are under examination.

(d) As per the data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, the number of dowry deaths registered in the country during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 were 7026, 6787 and 7618# respectively.

Provisional figures.